## LOCAL NEWS.

FIREMEN'S CONVENTION. - A meeting of the delegates from the Relief Hook and Ladder Company, and the Hydraulion Steam Fire latter company, to make arrangements for a yard. parade on the 23d inst.

G. E. Eotwisle was elected President, and Horace Swain, Secretary.

After the transaction of some minor business, A. C. Kell, esq, was elected as Chief Marshall for the day, each company to appoint an assistant.

An invitation was then extended to the remainder of the Fire Department to participate in the parade.

An invitation was also extended to the various trades to join in the procession, which invitation, it is understood, will be generally responded to as this was one of the finest features of the last parade.

The Convention then adjourned to meet in the same place on Friday night.

RIVER STEAMERS. -The steamer Pilot Boy will start for Baltimore to-morrow morning to have her bottom scraped -a six hours job, but which, strange as it may seen, can not be done here. She will land freight and passengers at attracted considerable attention. all her usual landings, and will resume her regular semi-weekly trip on the 15th, arriving here that day. It has not yet been determined whether her route shall continue as far down as Cone River or stop at Currioman, but it is probable that the latter will be the case.

The regular semi-weekly trips of the Lady of the Lake to Norfolk were resumed this afternoon. The steamer left here at her u-ual hour with a large freight and some passengers. The trip of the Farmington steamer Fairy are now only tri-weekly-Monday, Thursday

and Saturday. CHOKED TO DEATH. - Yesterday morning Mr. Thos. Fay of Uniontown, went to the grocery store of Mr. George Wood, of that place, to make some purchases. While the clerk was cutting a steak for him he took a piece of raw

beef and commenced eating it, at the same time walking into a room back of the store. In a minute or two afterwards another customer entered and went into the back room, where he found Fay choking to death. Messengers were dispatched at once for medical aid, and Drs. Bird and Christie responded promptly, but it was too late to render any assistance, as death had taken place. Dr. Christie removed the piece of meat from the throat, and everything was done to restore life, but was of no avail.

POLICE REPORT. - Affairs in and around pohee headquarters were very quiet this morning. The only items reported there were as follows: Carrie Wilson, who was before the Mayor for disorderly conduct, was fixed and dis-

Samuel O. Bagot complained that some unknown person had fired a pistol shot into his house from an adjoining lots Five lodgers were accommodated at the sta-

tion house last night. The report that John Horseman, a fisherman of this city, had been arrested and put in jail at Stafford Court House for infringing upon

the riparian land owners, was incorrect.

of the Company this morning, Samuel Miller in ANTED! the chair and T. D. Fendall, secretary. The committee appointed at the general meeting reported the estimated cost of the new reservoir. the report was adopted, the work of constructing the same was ordered to be proceeded with in the spring, and 25 per cent, or less, directed to be collected per month from the stockholders to pay for the same. Dr. D. M. French was elected a director vice B. H. Lambert, de-

RENCOUNTER. - A rencounter occurred on the road near Dranesville, on Friday evening last, between Messrs. Cas. Lay and Richard Oliver, the latter a school teacher, in which the former, who was the attacking party, was shot at several times, but escaped, though his clothing was pierced by pistol balls. A fight had occurred on the morning of that day between Mr. Lay's father and Mr. Oliver, in which the former had been badly beaten.

THE CHAIN GANG AGAIN.-The chain gang is a source of continued annoyance to those who have its management. It was not at work this morning, Captain Warring stating that he would not take men out on the cold streets barefooted, and would rather resign his position, but up to noon the Superintendent of Police, to whom the resignation would have to be presented, had not seen the Captain or directly heard from him.

ALEXANDRIA CANAL. - The repairs to the Alexandria Canal, which have been in progress for some time past will, if the weather prove favorable, be completed during the preseat month. Among the most expensive of the repairs will be that to the Aqueduct at Georgetown. The canal will be widered and a basin constructed at the coal depot of the B. & P. R. R., just this side of Four Mile Run.

FIRE. - A house near, Guilfied station on the W. & O. R. R., belonging to Maj. Nutt, but occupied by Mr. Richard Darne and family, was was destroyed by fire on the night of the 29th. ult. So rapid was the progress of the flames after they were discovered that nothing was saved, the occupants barely escaping, and one of tuem, a young lady, not until she had been bally burned.

EPISCOPAL HIGH SCHOOL.-Mr. L. M. Blackford, Principal of the Episcopal High School of Virginia, will please accept our thanks fer an invitation to attend a dramatic reading by Prof. Henry Scharf at that place to-morrow evening, and to be present at the distribution of certificates of distinction, the following day. when Prof. Scharf will give another reading.

PROPERTY SALES. - Mr. J. T. Nalls has purchased the house on the north side of Duke Mreet, between Payne and Fayette, belonging to Mr. Richard Windsor, for \$1,200, and has sold shouse on the west side of Washington street, tween Wolfe and Wilkes, to Mr. Martin

FORT WASHINGTON. - The work of improvar Fort Washington and putting it in a thobugh state of defence, suspended some time bee because the apporpiation for that purpose had been exhausted, will, it is understood, be

sumed sometime between the 15th inst. and de end of the mouth, VISITATION. -Mr. J. Durham, M. C. from Aestucky, and Deputy Grand Sire of the Odd chows of the United States, will visit Poto-

are Lodge of the order in this city, to morrow The Lodge will give the visitor and ther invited guests a supper at the City Hotel.

REHEARSAL. - The newly organized choir Christ Church, consisting of four adult id eight juvenile male voices, had a rehearsal at hight and rendered the selections in excelstyle. The new choir will sing for the est time at morning service next Sunday.

DESTRUCTION OF SHEEP. —A flock of sheep,

Machine, Olive and Sperm OLLS, in stoore and
for sale by

HENRY COOK & CO. ousisting of sixteen valuable Cotswolds, be-

## LOCAL BREVITIES.

Among the cattle at the cattle yard at West End, yesterday, was a heifer that apparently knew her fate and became so frantic when the butcher to whom she had been sold came to Company was held last night in the hall of the take her away, that she had to be killed in the

> The remains of Mrs. Cabell, who died yes-terday at her son in-law's Mr. Robert Bentley, near Guilford, passed through here this afternoon for Winchester, where they will be inter-

> Prunty's automatic relief valve, one of which has been presented to the Hydraulion Steam Fire Company, was tested this afternoon and found to answer its intended purpose admira-

Mr. Bossart, confectioner on Fairfax street, sear Prince, received to-day a supply of fresh West Iudie fruit-oranges, bananas, &c., the samples of which sent to this office were as ripe and delicious as possible.

The meeting of the stockholders of the Alexandria and Maryland Ferry Company, on Friday next, will be held at the rooms of the Commercial Exchange.

Another large party of masqueraders, male and female, were out on the streets last night, and

A sample of the "Little Lunch" -a five-cent cigar-sold by Mr. Henry Cook, 107 King street, has been sent to this office and pronounced excellent.

ALEXANDRIA AND WASHINGTON TURNPIKE. - Under a special act of the Virginia General Assembly the consent of the Board of Public Works has been given to the transfer to the county of Alexandria of the Alexandria and Washington turapike, it having been abandoned by the company. The above is taken from the Bultimore Sun of this morning. The turnpike has not been abandoned by the company who bought it. A motion to compel them to abandon it has been in the County Court but has not yet been decided.

FIREMEN'S PARADE.—All persons desiring to join in the parade on the 23d in-tint, are requested to make application by 6 p. m., on Monday next, to either of the undersigned. A. C. KELL G. E. ENTWISLE

COLUMBIA FIRE COMPANY -A called meeting of the Columbia Fire Company will be held at their hall to-morrow (Friday) evening, at 71 o'clock. Punctual attendance is requested. By order of the President:

GEORGE UHLER. Secretary. A regular meeting of the Relief Hook and Ladder Company will be held to-morrow (Friday) evening, at 8 o'clock. A full attendance is

PARK AGNEW, Secretary. SPECIAL TRIP.

The steamer PILOT BOY will leave on FRI DAY MORNING, at 7:30 o'clock, for Baltimore, calling at her usual landings on the Petomac. Freight received until the hour of leaving. [:eb 5 lt] F. A. REED, Agent.

LOST-On Wednesday night, on Fairfax st., near the corner of Prince, a WHITE SILK HANDKERCHIEF, with a blue border, and marked i: the corner with an initial. A suitable reward will be paid for its return to the Gazette

ALEXANDRIA WATER COMPANY.--An adjourned meeting of the stockholders of the Alexandria Water Company was held in the office of the Company was held in the office.

WANTED! 30,000 WHITE OAK RAILROAD TIESmust be as tollows: 8 feet long, 71 inches thick, 7 inches or more face. Ties to be barked and with square ends. To be either hewn or sawed. Sound timber. Delivered on my wharf in Alexandria. [feb 5-1m] W. A. SMOOT. Trocha in comparative force. Heretofore they have been able occasionally to cross in small parties. Should they succeed in crossing in large numbers the burning of plantations is in-

GARDEN SEED. We have just received from Messrs. Landreth & Son a large supply of fresh Garden Seeds, which we are prepared to offer at low rates. HENRY COOK & CO.,

107 King street.

SAWYER'S LAUNDRY BLUE, Batchel-or's Hair Dye, Flesh Brushes, Morgan's Sa-polio, French Blacking, Merchant's Gargling Oil and Concentrated Glycerine, just received and for sale by JANNEY & CO.

JUST RECEIVED at 107 King street, a full supply of Hair, Tooth and Nail Brushes, and Dressing and Fine Combs. HENRY COOK & CO.

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CANNED TOMATOES, Green Corn, Pine-apple, Peaches, Quince, Lobster, &c., for

sale at lowest prices by NO. 1 MACKEREL, a prime article, received claims of the firm.

FRESH OATMEAL received to-day by J. C. MILBURN. REBECCA GLOVES—Another assortment of popular shades just received. These Gloves are all warranted.
PRETZFELDER & BENDHEIM'S

Dry Goods Emporium. CRYSTALLIZED OIL EIGHTEEN CTS. PER GALLON

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THE STEARINE SOAP, Manufactured at Z. TOBRINER'S SOAP WORKS, No. 72 Union street,

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MENT, for the cure of Erysipelas, Tetter, Ring Worms or any other eruption of the skin. Just received and for sale by WARFIELD & HALL.

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300 bbls prime ROUND HERRING, very handsome, for sale by HOOE & JOHNSTON.

JUST RECEIVED—A supply of NEW OR-LEANS and DEMERARA MOLASSES and PURE SUGAR DRIPS. CHINESE TEA COMPANY, 11 north Royal street. MOUNTAIN SWEET MALAGA WINE, a very superior article for table use, just

received and for sale by GEO. McBURNEY & SON, 166 and 170 King street. WINDOW GLASS-A large lot of 8x10 and 10x12, just received and for sale at lowest

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JANNEY & CO. RECEIVED TO DAY-A supply of M. B. BUCK'S PURE WINES and BRAN-DIES, particularly recommended for medicinal

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TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

[SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE GAZETTE.]

### FROM WASHINGTON.

CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, February 5, 1874. The Senate to-day was occupied during its opening hour in the discussion of a bill to keep open certain channels of the Mississippi river. The Bankruptey bill was then taken up and

further discussed. In the House of Representatives reports of committees were the order for the morning hour, and the Committee on Public Lands reported in favor of a bill to encourage the planting of trees upon the prairies of the West, and the bill was passed.

The committee reported adversely upon the bill to incorporate the Colorado Irrigation Company, which was laid on the table.

The Siamese Twins. NEW YORK, Feb. 5. - A dispatch from Richmond, Va., says the scientific medical commission, from Philadelphia, arrived at Mount Airy on Saturday last. On Sunday a consultation was had with the wives of the Siamese twins, which resulted in obtaining consent to the proposition of the commission on the condition, and with the distinct understanding that the bodies should not be mutilated. The commission repaired to the cellar, where the remains of the twins were interred, and opened the outer coffin, and then removed the inner coffin to a room above. The bodies were found in a good state of preservation. Chang's features were partially discolored, but those of Eng being natural. The widows then entered the room and took final farewell of the remains and left them to the doctors. A partial examination was then had, which was followed by a consultation. A partial embalmment was then per-formed, and the bodies once more covered in the coffin, securely soldered in a tin box, and again boxed. After obtaining the consent of the widows they were removed to Mount Airy, and thence to the Richmond station for transportation to Philadelphia.

The English Elections. LONDON, Feb. 5. - Additional returns received this morning from the Parliamentary elections show gains for the Conservatives of one seat each in the following places: Berwick, Leeves and North Atterton. They have also gained the two seats for Nettingham. Two seats for Penryn have been gained by the Liberals. Liberals have again been returned from Cockermouth, Demsberry, Glasgow, Merthyr, Tydvil, Rochdale and Bradford. In the last mentioned place Right Hon. Wm. Elward Forster had a majority of 1700 over his Conservative opponent. Liberals have been chosen to represent the city of Edinburgh. Ashton, Underlyne andStatybridge have been chosen conservatives. Thus far the conservatives have gained 45 seats lately held by Liberals and Liberals have been chosen for 19 seats before occupied by conservatives. Of the total number of members chosen up to this morning the conservatives have a majority of 23.

### From Cuba.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5 -- A private letter from Havana says the affair at Trinidad is regarded as an exceptional case and not at all indicative plantations. The opinion prevails that the insurgents will soon be able to cross the old Trocha in comparative force. Heretofore they large numbers the burning of plantations is in-LANDRETH'S FRESH AND GENUINE evitable. A secret organization is thought to exist with ramifications extending to all parts of the island, the object of which is to give moral and material support to the insurgents, who, if successful in their operations in the Central and Eastern departments will endeavor to pass into the villas district. It is conceded that the Spaniards are just now in a tight place and need men and money to carry on the war. The want of both is apparent and is telling severely against the Spaniards.

## "The Reason Why."

NEW YORK, Feb. 5. - It now transpires that the dissolution of the heavy cotton firm of Thomas Perkins & Co , No. 141 Pearl street, was owing to the fact that all of the five clerks Li try these celebrated Cigars. Only five had been speculating for two years and making good their losses out of the firm's funds. Unable to longer conceal their defalcations they BUCK'S BRANDY—Another lot of half-pint sample bottles, at 50c each, just received by feb 5

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able to longer conceal their delateations they made a clean breast at the commencement of the year, when dissolution followed by mutual consent. H. W. Taher the wealthy content consent. H. W. Tabor, the wealthy cotton broker, who was a special partner for \$100, 000, and a brother-in-law of one of the defaulting clerks, has been appointed receiver by order of the Supreme Court and will settle the

## Financial.

LONDON, Feb. 5 -3:30 p. m .-- The bullion in the Bank of England has decreased £782,000 during the past week. The amount gone into the bank on balance to-day is £16,000.

LONDON, Feb. 5---2:30 p. m .-- The rate of discount in open market for three months' bills is 34 per cent. which is 4 per cent. below the Bank of England rate.

## Weather Probabilities.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5, 11 a. m. For the Middle States, light winds, increasing cloudiness and rising temperature. For the South Atlantic States, falling barometer, northeasterly wind, rising temperature and increasing cloudiness.

The Markets. NEW YORK, Feb. 5. - Stocks active and higher. Gold 111. Money 4. Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat quiet and very firm. Corn

quiet and firm. BALTIMORE, Feb. 5.—Va. sixes, old, 39; do. consolidated, 522. W. Va's 11 bid to-day. Cotton; good grades firm; low grades dull; low middlings 14½a14¾. Flour steady and in fair demand, and prices unchanged. Wheat dull. Corn firm and steady; white Southern 80a83; yellow Southern 75a78; mixed Western 80a82. Oats firmer; Southern 53a58; Western 53a56. Rye quiet at 94,95. Hay unchanged. Provisions quiet.

GREEN TEAS at 60c and SI per lb, superior quality, just received and for sale by the CHINESE TEA COMPANY, 11 north Royal street.

GENTS' MERINO SHIRTS, assorted sizes, just received by D. F. WITMER CO. W EST POINT CADET CLOTH-Just received another piece for St John's Academy Suits. [jan 27] D. F. WITMER CO.

VERY SUPERIOR GUNPOWDER, OO-LONG and JAPAN TEAS for sale by an 29 J. C. MILBURN. jan 29 500 LBS CODFISH in store and for sale jan 20 WM. F. BROOKES

CANNED GOODS, in great variety, at low figures. GEO. McBURNEY & SON, 166 and 170 King street ROSE HILL VINEGAR-Strictly pure Cifer Vinegar, three years old, in store and for sale by [jan 20] W.M. F. BROOKES. REBUILED LARD for sale by the CHINESE TEA COMPA

jan 20

CHINESE TEA COMPANY, NEW YORK CLUB and other SKATES of the opposite side of the river, was attacked of at 88 King street, corner Royal. Selling off at reduced prices. Call and examine.

J. T. CREIGHTON & SON.

Jan 20

11 north Royal street.

MORE CHEAP BROWN SUGARS regarded to day at RAMSAY'S, converted to day at RAMSAY'S, feb 4

DRIME CAROLINA RICE, just received by J. C. MILBURN.

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THE MASONIC CHOIR,

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ALEX. WASH. LODGE, No. 22, A., F. & A.M. At which a rare treat will be afforded all lovers of fine music. Tickets of admission to all parts of the hall may be obtained at the stores of Messrs. Geo. E. French, John A. Field, S. H. Lunt and Henry

Cook, at the hotels and at the hail. Tickets 75 cents each to all parts of the house.

GRAND BALL.

The officers and members of the KNIGHTS OF ST. PATRICK of Alexandria, Va., beg leave to announce to their friends and the public

that they will give their
FIRST GRAND BALL
AT HARMONIE HALL
ON THURSDAY EVEN'G. FEB 12th, 1874
Music by the HOLLY HILL BAND of Georgetown, D. C.
The committee pledge themselves to make

this Ball one of the most agreeable of the season.

Floor Managers. M. H. Nash R. M. Latham.

Committee of Arrangements. J. P. Rice, V. W. Power, John Lannon, G. H. Harlow, M. A. Hart. P. F. Gorman, The committee reserves the right to eject any improper or disorderly persons from the hall.

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# NOTICE.

The second monthly instalment on shares of the GERMAN CO-OPERATIVE BUILDING ASSOCIATION, No. 2 will be received on THURSDAY, February 5th, 1874, at 7½ o'clock p. m., at Harmonie Hall. J. SCHNEIDER, Secretary. eb 3-td

A LEXANDRIA & MARYLAND FERRY A meeting of the stockholders of the Alexandria and Maryland Ferry Company will be held on FRIDAY, the 6th instant at 10 o'clock a.m., in the rooms of the Commercial Exchange. B. WHEAT, President.

SHIRTINGS-Light-figured and Cheviot styles-just received at PREIZFELDER & BENDHEIM'S Popular Dry Good: Store.

COAL OIL TWENTY CENTS PER GALLON ENTWISLE'S CHINA STORE. FRESH HAVANA ORANGES and LEM-

ONS received and for sale by AVERY & DAVIDSON, 226 King st., cor. Alfred. P. T. GEORGE'S MARYLAND BRAND OF HAMS, the best in the market. CHINESE TEA COMPANY,

11 north Royal street. MARRASUI!

A new Tea of superior quality, at one dollar per pound, just received and for sale by the [jan 20] CHINESE TEA COMPANY.

ORANGES, LEMONS and MALAGA GRAPES received to-day by G. W.M. RAMSAY, Corner King and St Asaph streets. RAISINS, Ci ron, Lemon Peel and Current for sale very 1 w by GEO. McBURNEY & SON,

166 and 170 King street.

11 north Royal street.

10 SACKS MARACAIBO COFFEE, a good substitute for Java, just received by G. WM. RAMSAY, Corner King and St. Asaph sts. 700 LBS OF CHOICE CANDY just received by the CHINESE TEA COMPANY,

RUMFORD'S YEAST POWDER-5 gross just received and for sale by J. C. MILBURN. jan 29 (LOVER SEED-20 bushels prime New Clover Seed for sale by jan 3 THOS. PERRY, 17 King st. jan 3

COLDEN EAGLES-5 cents. G. WM. RAMSAY, jan 29 Corner King and St. Asaph sts. CHEAP SUGARS for sale by J. C. MILBURN.

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[Letter of Professor P. B. Wilson, late Assistant of Baron J. Von Liebig.] CHEMICAL LABURATORY OF PROF. P. B. WILSON, No. 3) Second street, Maj. N. M. TANNOR, President Guanahani Guano Co., Petersburg, Va.

Dear Sir: I have drawn samples of the Guano, as it has arrived in cargo lots, and find it exceedingly uniform in the amount of Phosphoric Acid it contains, namely, from 15 to 19 per cent.

This is combined with Lime, and is of Animal Origin, and readily assimilable by plants. It contains potential Ammonia and Nitric Acid, having a combined Nitrogen value equal to from 2 to 3 per cent of Ammonia, with the alkalies Potash and Sed., and valuable proportions of Sulphate of Lime. The whole forming a very desirable combination for all crops, and when applied to land, the crop receiving proper tillage, must, in my opinion, give as good results as any Guano offered to the farmer.

Being of Animal Origin, the organic matter has undergone partial decomposition and it necessarily contains a valuable amount of HUMUS, which makes its fertilizing power much greater than fertilizers which are compounded largely of Peruvian Guano, which, beyond its Ammonia and small phosphatic value, has little or no power in absorbing from the atmosphere and retaining and small phosphatic value, has little or no power in absorbing from the atmosphere and retaining in the soil the moveable elements absorbed by moisture and brought down by the rains, as the Guano you are now placing upon the market. All of the components of this Guano are very solu-

ble in the soil, and possess such physical properties as to render it at all times and under all circumstances as immediately available plant food.

The late samples you sent me for analysis, from the deposit which you inform me you intend to ship from, show a decrease in phosphatic value, but a large increase in its Nitrogen compounds. I think, however, from previous observations of cargoes, that you may reasonably expect, that cargoes taken from where these samples were drawn, will materially improve in the saline compounds, (Phosphates, Alkalies and Magnesia.)

Respectfully, &c.,

P. B. WILSON, Analytical and Consulting Chemist.

Respectfully, &c,

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, West Philadelphia, Dec. 19, 1873. Maj. N. M. TANNOR, Petersburg Va.

Dear Sir: In compliance with your request, I have analyz d sample of "Guanahani Guano" and have made additional examination of an average sample from a lot of 300 tons, the result of which I beg to embrace in the following: The Guano is a brownish plowder, with lumps of combinations of Lime with Carbonic, Phosphoric and Nitric Acids. It contains a considerable quantity of water, (about 20 per cent) and when dried, is a paler brown powder. The Guano is evidently of animal origin, and the minute bones, which were discovered in the same, indicate that it is the result of the decay of bats, mice, etc. The quantity of organic matter, which is still present, is about 12 per cent, and this yields about 2½ per cent of Ammonia. A portion of the Nitrogen is present, as Nitric veid, of which about 3 per cent were found. All the Nitrogen present would be equivalent to about 3½ per cent of Ammonia. The Phosphoric Acid in the Guano averaged about 12½ per cent, equal to 27 5 per cent of Bone Phosphoric Acid in the Guano averaged about 12½ per cent, equal to 27 5 per cent of Bone Phosphoric Acid, however, is present, as so-called neutral Phosphate of Lime which, being slightly soluble in water, renders the Guano as quick in its action, as a corresponding quantity of Super-Phosphate would do. The small percentage of potash, which was found in the analysis, adds to its value. Maj. N. M. TANNOR, Petersburg Va.

From all the experiments which I have made of the Guanahani Guano, no doubt can exist that t is valuable manure. Yours truly,

[Letter from Ex-Governor Smith.] WARRENTON, VA., August 4th, 1873. Dear Sir: The extraordinary character of the season—a rain almost every day—puts it wholly out of my power to form an estimate of your Guano. The crops of corn and rutabagas, to which it was applied, look very fine. Yours truly, WM. SMITH.

BETHEL ACADEMY, FAUQUIER CO, VA., July 24th, 1873.

Dear Sir: I used your Guano on my wheat last fall, and am highly pleased with it. Think it is as good as the high priced Guanos. I have a good paying crop of wheat, and the best stand of grass I ever had, and this is the opinion of those who have seen both, notwithstanding the unfavorable winter and early spring. I shall use it again this fall. Yours, BENJ. F. SMITH.

[This crop of wheat, 28 bushels to the acre, was noticed in the Warrenton and Alexandria paths for the Market of the seen that the second of the second o pers as the finest crop in Mr. Smith's county ]

WARRENTON, VA., July 17th, 1873.

I used your Guano on wheat last year, and consider it equal to any Guano I ever used. It
LEWIS SHUMATE.

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